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Re: JUAN BUENAVENTURA EUGENIO
FERNANDEZ DE CASTRO RODRIGUEZ
JORGE LUIS VALDES AMABLE, AKA.

George Valdes
ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER
ROJAS - VICTIM

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any conversations he may have had with De Castro in which Masferrer's name was mentioned. You should also reinterview Ekberg and determine from him the exact circumstances under which Masferrer's name was brought into the conversation between Ekberg, De Castro and McNeill on about 1/20/60. It should be determined whether De Castro brought this subject up himself, whether he appeared to be trying to interest Ekberg and/or McNeill in taking part in some plot against Masferrer, or whether De Castro had any apparent purpose in discussing this matter. These points should also be covered during the interview of McNeill.

You should also advise Bureau specifically whether De Castro, during contacts with your office prior to 1/27/60, made any comments concerning the Cuban Government's interest in eliminating Masferrer, either by killing him or kidnaping him and, if so, you should set forth full details.

During your reinterview of Ekberg, you should also press him for further information concerning his expressed belief that Cuba was the individual who planned and instituted the plot against Masferrer. Although rerep comments that Ekberg said he does not have any proof to substantiate this opinion, it would seem that he must be basing this opinion on something other than sheer speculation. You should definitely resolve this point.

This matter should receive prompt attention and results of your inquiries in this regard should be furnished in report form at an early date.

NOTE: On 1/27/60 Miami Office arrested Valdes and De Castro, Cuban nationals, on kidnaping-conspiracy charges in connection with plot to kidnap Masferrer, prominent anti-Castro exile at Miami. [De Castro is identical with MM 635-S, heretofore valuable paid security informant of Miami.] De Castro claimed he had no prior knowledge of kidnaping plot against Masferrer prior to meeting with

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